

## Notification of Public Hearing -Transportation Rule for the Specific Information Sign Program

**November 14, 2006** 

Governor Doyle recently signed legislation authorizing blue highway signs for tourism attractions and the Department of Transportation (DOT) was directed to draft administrative rules to govern the program. This legislation allows blue highway signs to display the word "attraction," along with "gas", "food", lodging", "camping" and allows a sign mounted on the specific information sign to identify the attraction.

The DOT will hold a public hearing on the draft rule on **Tuesday, November 14, 2006** at 10:30 a.m in Room 144b at the Hills Farms State Office, Madison. Businesses hoping to get a sign or be added to an existing sign will want to review the draft rule and provide their comments to the DOT prior to the close of business on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing is the opportunity for small business to voice their concerns about a rule *before* the rule is submitted to the legislature. Comments received electronically through the DOT website bear the same weight as those received at the public hearing. The rule (TRANS 200) and information on how to provide electronic comments can be found at:

http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/library/research/law/rulenotices.htm

## **Business Types Designated as Attraction Sites**

| Cultural                   | Retail Tourism        | Recreational             | Nature                          | Other             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Art/Craft center/shops     | Agribusiness          | Amphitheater             | Beach                           | Casino/Bingo Hall |
| Gallery                    | Bicycle Rental        | Amusement Park           | Cave                            | Farm Tour         |
| Museum                     | Brewery (with tour)   | Aquarium                 | Orchard                         | Factory Tour      |
| Historic Sites/Building    | Winery (with tour)    | Arboretum                | Park (Privately Owned)          | Ferry             |
| Historic District          | Farm Market           | Ball Parks               | Pick-your-own fruits/vegetables |                   |
| Religious sites or Shrines | Farmers Market        | Boat Tour                | Trails                          |                   |
|                            | Flea Market           | Botanical Gardens        | Wildlife Refuge                 |                   |
|                            | Antique Shop          | Civic Center             | Game Farm                       |                   |
|                            | Candy Store (Primary  | Coliseum                 |                                 |                   |
|                            | Business)             | Concert Hall             |                                 |                   |
|                            | Cheese Factory        | Equestrian Center        |                                 |                   |
|                            | Ice Cream/Yogurt shop | Fairgrounds              |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Ski Resorts              |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Golf Course              |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Hall of Fame             |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Hot Air Balloon Rides    |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Live-Performance Theatre |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Marina w/boat rental     |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Pavilion                 |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Race Track               |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Theme Park               |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Stadium                  |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Water Oriented Business  |                                 |                   |
|                            |                       | Zoo/Petting              |                                 |                   |

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